

Zook Barn
South side of King Road (LR 15095),
.5 mile west of State Route 352
(Sproul Road)
Glenloch (East Whiteland Township)
Chester County
Pennsylvania

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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Location: County Road #15095 (King Road) west of State Route #352, East Whiteland Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania (Reference: Map of Chester County [by County Commissioners] 1956).

Present Owner: Harold J. Looby, 1221 South Wilton Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

Brief Statement of Significance: This "Switzer Barn" is a typical 18th century Pennsylvania barn type.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: Richard Eavenson sold tract 1747 to Richard Baratt, whose daughter Edith married Joseph Burnett, who was sold out by sheriff 1768 and land came into possession of John Zug (Zook) 1769. From the Zook family in 1822 it came into possession of the Templeton family, who owned it until 1941 when it was sold to the present owner.
2. Date of erection: 18th century - In the 1798 direct tax census, Department of Internal Revenue, it was standing and the measurements are as of today.
3. Architect, builder, suppliers etc.: Unknown.
4. Original plans, construction etc.: Probably almost unchanged since it was first built. A "Switzer Barn" - see Alfred L. Shoemaker: The Pennsylvania Barn. Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center, Lancaster, Pa., 1955.
5. Notes on alterations and additions: Little changed.
6. Important old views and references:
Views: C. Z. Mast: Brief History of Bishop Jacob Mast... Elversen, Pa., 1911. Facing page 98 is a picture of this barn.
References: Sources of information, to be found in the Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, Pa. Classified printed and manuscript files under heading: East Whiteland Township. Land
Alfred L. Shoemaker: The Pennsylvania Barn. Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center, Lancaster, Pa., 1955.
C. Z. Mast: Brief History of Bishop Jacob Mast... Elversen Pa., 1911.

B. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: None known.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural Character: This 13th century barn retains its original design.
2. Condition of Fabric: Good.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: Stable level, threshing floor level and mows; ca 25' by 60'.
2. Foundations: Stone.
3. Wall construction: Log.
4. Chimneys: None.
5. Openings
 - a. Doorways and doors: Seem original.
 - b. Windows and shutters: One open window.
6. Roof
 - a. Shape, covering: Steep pitch, wood shingles.
 - b. Cornice, eaves: Original.
 - c. Dormers: None.

C. Technical Description of Interiors

1. Floor Plans: Usual Pennsylvania barn type. See Alfred L. Shoemaker: The Pennsylvania Barn. Pennsylvania Dutch Folklore Center, Lancaster, Pa., 1955.
2. Stairways: In original places.
3. Flooring: Pegged to joists. This is one of the very few examples found in the county of a pegged floor.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Rough.
5. Doorways and doors: Seem original.
6. Trim: None.
7. Hardware: Mostly original.
8. Lighting: None.

9. Heating: None.

D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: In a group of farm buildings, barn faces south.
2. Enclosures: None.
3. Outbuildings: Several farm outbuildings.
4. Walks, driveways etc.: None.
5. Landscaping, gardens etc.: None.

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